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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated July 18, 2002 (Paper No. 19). Submitted herewith is a request for a two-month extension of time and appropriate fee, making a response due on or before December 18, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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